

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 335

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Committee:

WHEREAS, a statewide action plan to optimize the growth of the clean energy economy would benefit the State of Nebraska by optimizing the growth of the energy, environmental, and agricultural sectors of the state's economy by incorporating environmentally and energy conscious design, policy, and technology that improves conservation and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, such statewide action plan should be based on several factors, including (1) an analysis of the business opportunities and needs of such an economy in the local, state, national, and international markets, (2) an analysis of the labor force needs related to such business opportunities, including educational, training, and retraining needs, and (3) an inventory of the current labor and business assets available to respond to such business opportunities and such labor force needs; and

WHEREAS, a committee made up of members of the Legislature could develop a statewide action plan to advise and assist the Legislature as a whole regarding activities to advance

the state's clean energy economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to meet forthwith and appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Clean Energy Economic Committee. The committee shall consist of seven members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board no later than April 1, 2010. The committee members shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the membership of the committee. The Clerk of the Legislature, in cooperation with the Executive Board, shall provide staff and support to the committee. The committee may accept outside resources to help support its efforts. Such outside resources may be used to contract for the analyses described in this resolution.

2. That the Clean Energy Economic Committee is hereby authorized to develop and submit to the Legislature on or before June 30, 2011, a statewide action plan as described in this resolution. The statewide action plan shall include recommended legislation and budget requests and may include recommendations for administrative actions of governmental entities, collaborative actions, and actions of individuals and individual organizations. The statewide action plan shall be based upon the analyses described in this resolution.

3. That the Clean Energy Economic Committee created by this resolution shall terminate on June 30, 2011.